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### **Corps to propose ‘no further action’ for Pesticide Drum Area at Former Nansemond Ordnance Depot Public Meeting to discuss plan set for Jan. 16**

**NORFOLK, VA** -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) has successfully completed environmental investigation activities at the Pesticide Drum Area of the Former Nansemond Ordnance Depot (FNOD), in Suffolk, Va. Results of this investigation indicate that the contaminants associated with FNOD are not present in the soil in concentrations that would pose a risk to human health or the local ecosystem.

As a result, the Corps is proposing no further action for the Pesticide Drum Area. The Corps will present this proposed plan at its next public meeting on January 16 from 6 to 8:15 p.m., at the Courtyard by Marriott, located at 8060 Harbour View Boulevard, Suffolk, in the first floor meeting room.

The Pesticide Drum Area is a 1,307 square-foot area where two unsealed, unmarked abandoned drums were discovered by the Corps in 1998 in a wooded area south of Armistead Road and west of I-664. Both of the drums were sampled by the Corps and have been removed. The Pesticide Drum area was **not** included in EPA’s National Priorities Listing of the former depot in January 1999.

The Corps has conducted several investigations at the Pesticide Drum Area to determine the nature and extent of any potential contamination and to determine whether chemicals released into the soil at the site pose any potential threat to the human health or the environment. Site characterization efforts included multiple sampling events, removal of the drums, subsequent confirmation soil sampling efforts, and human health and ecological risk assessments.

The public information session **will include:**

- **Exhibit Displays and Availability Session from 6 to 7 p.m.,** covering:

- Pesticide Drum Area Map and Project Overview
- Pesticide Drum Area Environmental Studies
- Site Investigation Efforts
- Soil Sampling Results
- Human Health Risk Assessment
- Ecological Risk Assessment
- Proposed Plan and Public Comment Period

- **Opportunities to meet and talk one-on-one with project personnel,** Restoration

Advisory Board members and federal and state agency representatives from the Corps, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ).

- **A presentation of the Pesticide Drum Area Studies and Proposed Plan** is expected to begin at 7 p.m. and last about 30 minutes. A question-and-answer period will follow until 8:15 p.m.

“We are really hoping to gain public input on the Pesticide Drum Area proposed plan before we move forward,” says George Mears, Corps FUDS Project Manager. Both the draft plan and associated documents are available on the project web site at:

<http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/fnod>

Public comments will be accepted until February 15, 2008. Oral and written comments should be directed to:

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